

WE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT

my good friends,
dave cherin and patricia esme dominique o'connor cherin,
blessed their children with beautifully evocative names:

alexander hamilton cherin,
dylan thomas cherin,
and sara isadora cherin.

now dylan thomas wants to be called bob.

THEY INSIST ON CALLING IT OVERCOMPENSATION

pericles said,
"we athenians have beauty without effeminacy."

isn't that all that hemingway
tried to give america?

THE LAST UNSPOILED BEAUTY IN AMERICA

i was already attracted to
this fortyish but obviously former beauty queen

but when she grabbed the glasses
of those who had left
and emptied the beer back into our pitcher,

i knew i must see more of her.

WHY THERE WAS NO GREAT MIGRATION OF PARISIANS TO AMERICA

there was
but they returned
upon learning
that the indians
did not speak french.

-- Gerald Locklin

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